

Hernando Cortez The Spanish Conquest of Mexico.

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This story opens the year after the land-Knight Ca'avar, a melancholy man who left Spain and joined the Knights Hospi In this points had given them so shi terious Moor, taken prisoner by the Spanbe his boy to Gen. Narvaez. Amador sets and apparently upon the very street fancy, might be seen gleaming from beout to find his kinsman, and is joined by which they were to pass. a Secretary sent by the Admiral to guide leader, Salvatierra, toward the Moor and

clined, the country assumed a more instruments common to barbarians.

The moon rose from the sea; and her nance even more disturbed than when square. mellow radiance streamed over the tree- shrinking from the blow of Salvatierra, tops, or sheeted itself on the sands, and and with hands upraised and clasped, as a thousand delicious scents came to the if to beseech his notice. of satisfaction and curiosity which were and pitiful to the orphan," he cried anxi- their packs; and Amador, at the sugges-

what seemed a fair, waving plain, dotted, will not deny it. grove or a low hillock, and whose gloom was alike broken by the glare of insects and the flash of many flambeaux, arose the would find the commander-in-chief the would find the comma

voices, as these gleaming fabrics came follower." shining among the trees; and it was evi- power, I consent to receive him.

like shadows in the flame.

Other buildings equally humble in size dently the right of his dignity, were constructed of less remarkable but not less romantic materials; and where the moonbeams fell over their earthen walls and palmy roofs, both were often concealed by such a drapety of vines and creeping flowers, perhaps the edoriferous vanilla and the beautiful convolvulus, as might have satisfied the longings of a wood-nymph.

the camp of a good General. A great fire the town, these lowly and lovely cottages had been lit, as it appeared, among the were exchanged for fabries of stone, many ing of Cortez in Mexico. A young Spanish Silver Towers, the ruddy reflection of of them of considerable size, and several nobleman, Amador de Leste, arrives in which, mingled with the purer light of the with walls covered with the bright and Vera Cruz, looking for his kinsman, a moon, had given them so shining an ap-silvery plaster which ornamented the temples. Each of these, the dwellings of In this neighborhood, as Amador judged the Tlatoani, or, as the Spaniards called taller in Phodes, but is now reported to be in by the direction and variety of cries, was them, in the language of Santo Domingo, Mexico Amador interviews the Admiral, the chief place of the revellers; though in the Caciques of the city-stood alone in who tells him how the trium; hs of Cortez divers quarters of the town might be its garden of flowers, with vines trailing have fired with lealousy the heart of heard the voices, and sometimes the and palm-trees bending over its roof, Velasquez, Governor of Cuba, who sent musical instruments, of idle soldiers, commonly in darkness, though some him to conquer Mexico, and now the struggling in rivalry with the ruder songs times the myrtle-taper of a fair Totonac, armies of Cortez and Narvaez, sent by and harsher instruments of the natives. (for such was the name of this provincial Velasquez, are about to fight, A mys- Besides the bonfires among the temples, people of the coast) or the oily cresset of a there was another in the quarter of the Spanish Captain, who had made his iards, is sent with what is understood to town which the train was just entering, quarters wherever was a house to his hind the curtains of cotton stuff, which

Just as he had concluded his denunci- were hung at the doors and windows. him. The Secretary and Amader overtake ation, the trumpet with which Salvatierra These sights had been seen by Amador, a cavalcade on the way to Narvaez. Ama- announced his approach to his compan- while yet engaged in conversation with dor, in the course of the journey, takes lons, was answered by a flourish from the Abdalla; but when the Morisco dropped strong exception to the cuelty of the fire; and there was straightway seen a sorrowfully away, he found himself on the group of armed men advancing to chal- great square of the city, immediately his child, and they are about to fight, lenge the party. In fact, an outpost was fronting the sanctuaries, and gazing upon when Salvatierra acknowledges that he is stationed at the fire; the worthy warriors a scene of peculiarly wild and novel charof which, in the absence of any important acter. The center of the square was ocduties, had got together the means of cupied by a broad and indeed a vast Two or three hours before sunset horses amusement in the persons of certain In- platform of earth, raised to a hight of were saddled and armor buckled, and dian tumblers and merryandrews, who eight or 10 feet, ascended from all sides Don Amador de Leste mounted his steed were diverting them with feats of agility. by half as many steps-having the apwith great satisfaction at the thought of Besides these tawny sons of joyance, pearance of a low truncated pyramid, business it was to add to the pleasures of which crowned it.

As they advanced, and as the day de- the entertainment the din of the musical Upon its summit or terrace, immediclined, the country assumed a more instruments common to barbarians.

As Amador rode by, his attention was kindled a great fire, the blaze of which, and more luxuriant; the mountains and in a measure diverted from the tumblers besides illuminating the temple itself and proached nearer to the sea, and the by the agitation of Fogoso, who regarded all the buildings which surrounded the streams gamboled among piles of rocks, neither the great fire nor the wild-looking square, fell upon sundry groups of Indian all those gallant adventurers were turned instead of creeping sluggishly through the artists with friendship; and when, having tumblers, engaged in feats of activity, as from the dancers to the newcomer; but sands; the flowers were more abundant, subdued his alarm, he turned to gratify well as upon a host of cavaliers who sur- Don Amador, not much moved by such a and the birds, resuming their songs, pre- his wonder, his eye was caught by the veyed them close at hand, and many circumstance, as indifferent to their curipared their vespers for the sinking lumi- appearance of the Moor, who had stolen throngs of common soldiers and natives osity as their admiration, approached with to his side, and now stood with a counte- who looked on at a distance from the a stately gravity, and, making a courte-

Here the detachment was halted; the burdens of the Tlameme were deposited nostrils of the soldier. By the murmurs "My lord is benevolent to the friendless, on the earth; the horses were freed from breathed about him, the cavalier knew ously, as soon as he perceived that Ama-tion of Salvatierra, dismounted, and leavhe was approaching the Indian city Zem- dor regarded him; "he has been the ing Fogoso to the care of his attendants, The party issued from the wood upon Abdoul can requite his benefactor, Abdoul will not deny it.

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Signs of lear or embarrassment, not, on other hand, did he manifest anything prised, when this worthy commander, like audacity or presumption; but lifting two special class ships, 16 torpedo-beat and, doubtiess, in other spots, enriched with plantations of maize and bananas. In the distance, from a dark and shadowy mass, which might have been a low who are these parts and these barbarians, and Abdalla, "though inwhom he looked for to conduct him to the destroyers, and Abdalla, "though inwhom he looked for to conduct him to the destroyers, and the special class ships, 16 torpedo-boat
destroyers, 35 steel torpedo-boats, one dignity he had found it inconvenient to hospitalities in vain," said the General,
whom he looked for to conduct him to the destroyers, and the sement of the stately dignity he had found it inconvenient to hospitalities in vain," said the General, disconcert the leader mass, which might have been a lofty who are surely the enemies of all, I can bow, and informed him with much gravity with a voice whose natural and volumi-

the love of a faithful boy will watch ever moment beset him would have been ex- of war to the foolish diversions of these the warrior-magician in the holy gibber-"Zempoala!" whispered a hundred at his side like the vigilance of an armed pressed had not Salvatierra with another ingenious barbarians." fairly into view. The languid horseman "I would receive thy son chiefly out of a the same moment, the young Fabueno of the tactics or the recreations of your gleaming with indignation or enthusiasm. raised himself in his saddle; the foot-sol- hope to be comforted, at times, with his draw from his girdle the letter which was excellency," said Amador, very coolly. "In the name of God, Amen! I defy the dier strode onwards with a firmer and music; and partly out of pity for his doubtless to secure him the good-will of "I will only demand of your favor to ac- devil, and am the servant of his enemy; quicker step; and in each moment, as the forlornness. He will doubtless serve me Narvaez. Checking therefore his anger, cept, at this present moment, as the forlornness. He will doubtless serve me Narvaez. three towers reflected the moonbeams as a page and cup-bearer; in which ca- be straightway ascended the platform testations of respect as become me in my the air, Beelzebub on the earth, and outside the platform testations of respect as become me in my the air, Beelzebub on the earth, and outside the platform testations of respect as become me in my the beautiful town and bridges throughout town and although the Egyptian and the platform testations of respect as become me in my the beautiful town and bridges throughout town and although the Egyptian and the platform testations of respect as become me in my the beautiful town and the platform testations of respect as become me in my the beautiful town and the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testations of respect as become me in my the platform testation testations of respect as become me in my the platform testation tes with increasing brilliancy, more torches pacity, promising to give him as much Arrived at its summit, he now beheld the function of suitor; and, in especial, to

from below. seemest ignorant, and which may wholly pallid illumination of the moon; and in self, in part, the subject." The secretary had pressed to his side, change thy desires in this matter. Thy the combined light, the operations of the "I receive them with respect, and I and overhearing his exclamations of sur-prise, took the liberty of addressing him. and mine to the very far city Tenoch-prise, took the liberty of addressing him. and mine to the very far city Tenoch-luggiers, were as visible as if performed in this matter. Thy the combined high, the operations of the welcome the very distinguished Don Ama-dor with much joy," said Narvaez; "in the investigation of thine own fate; which, swords; whereupon, to their great shame me, whether thou wilt ever again look ive horror, when he beheld, so to speak. quarters." and disappointment, they discovered the upon him; a question that I cannot my- three piles of men, each composed of brilliance to be owing to a certain white self answer in a satisfactory manner, three individuals, half-naked, standing

orches or fires burning, the blaze, stream- of the secretary roused him from his of soul, one is a fool not to receive it. ing through the wattled walls, illumi | bewitchment that he collected his senses |

It was then that Don Amador looked from the dancers to the cavaliers whom they were diverting. The fire flashed over the walls of the square and lofty towers up to the shelving thatch of palm-leaves, under which they were grouped, making, with the glitter of their half-armed persons, a suitable addition to the romance such as one would not have looked for in As he approached nearer to the center of of the scene. In the center of that group which lounged before the middle and loftiest tower, in a chair, or indeed, as it might be called, a throne, of such barbaric beauty as was known only to the magnifices of this singular people, sat a cavalier, tall and somewhat majestic of stature, with a ruddy beard and yellow locks falling over an agreeable countenance; in whom, not so much from the character of his deportment and the quality of his decorations, as from the evident homage rendered him by the officers around, Don Amador did not doubt he beheld the Biscayan General.

At the very moment when his eyes fell upon this smiling dignitary he was himself perceived by the General; and Narvaez started up with a sort of confusion, as if ashamed to be discovered in such trivial enjoyment by so gallant a cavalier. In fact, the glittering casque of steel had supplanted the velvet cap on the head of the novice; and as he approached his a figure, to say the least, equally noble with that of the commander-and, what was no slight advantage in those days, with the additional manifestation of high blood, such as was certainly less ques-

tionable in him than in Narvaez. It seemed for a moment as if the Gen eral would have retreated into the temple. still further diminishing the distance that there were others of the same race, whose serving as a base to the three towers doubtless with the view of assuming a more stately character for the interview; but perceiving that Don Amador had already recognized him, and was advancing, he changed his purpose, and making a step forward to do honor to his visitor, he stood still to receive him. The eyes of ous reverence to the General, said:

"I have no doubt it is my felicity at this present moment to offer my devoirs to the noble and very respected senor, the General Don Panfilo de Narvaez; on the presumption of which I, Amador de Leste, of champion of the father, and the protector and these again to the disposition of the son; and when the heart's blood of Captain, ascended the pyramid followed bidalto of Captain a Cuenza, a novice of the holy hospital of

bow retired, and had he not perceived, at | "I will not take upon me to judge either flickered and more structures were seen protection and kindness as may be in my scene which he had imperfectly witnessed accredit my companion, the secretary defy, contemn and denounce them; and I Fabueno, the messenger of the Admiral, dent to Don Amador that he was approach- "I must acquaint thee, good Sidi," said The great fire, crackling, and roaring who is charged with certain letters to your shall turnble from the high places." ing a city or town of no little magnitude. Amador, "with one fact, of which thou added the ruddy glare of a volcano to the excellency, of which, I believe, I am my-

"Senor," he cried, "they say this pagan titlan; thy fate is to submit thee into the the glitter of noonday. For a moment token of which I must beg him to allow I promise thee, is approaching to a crisis. city is bigger and lovelier than Seville. I hands of the General Narvaez, as thou Amador thought, as had been thought by himself to be considered, at least so long Let me know what wert thou doing when have often before heard of the Silver hast heard, to serve him as a cannoneer, all other Spaniards, when looking for the as he honors my command with his pres-Towers; for truly, when the men of Cortez while mine is to betake myself to the first time on the sports of these barbarous ence, as my own peculiar guest, and that first saw them, they thought they were General Cortez, his sworn and most in- races, that he had got among a group of I may the sooner know in what it may be built of blocks of plate, and rode forward domitable enemy. Thou mayest there-devils, or at least of devilish magicians, my happiness to do him service, I must tion which shall tell me in what part of to hack away some samples with their fore inquire of thyself if thy loy go with and he crossed himself with an instinct- entreat him to enter with me into my poor

nd polished plaster, with which these Make thy election, t erefore, whether thou one upon the head or shoulders of another, over-chivalrous age and people, Don Amador was ushered into the interior of the checkered matting, that served the purthree of his most favored officers, he found himself in the heathen sanctuary. A table covered with brilliant drapery of

cotton-a product of the country-and as with divers vessels wherein glowed some of the rich wines ripened by the breath of the Solano, contained also a extreme interest thou seemest to cherish Egyptian possession, and it is still an unpered with liquidambar, which, besides in my fate, and again I say to thee, I will pervading the whole atmosphere with a immediately converse with thee on that ploted. delicious odor, shed abroad such a light subject. But at present, senor nigro as enabled Don Amador to survey the mante, I warn thee, it will be but wisdom

It was of good hight, and spacious; the walls were hung with arras of a somberhued cotton, and the floor covered with thick matting. In one corner was a ladder, leading to the upper chambers. Two sides of it were occupied by a low platform, on which lay several mattresses there is no outcast and rebel but he that stuffed with the down of the ceibn; over dwelleth in the pit, under the foot of one of which, on a small altar of wood, illuminated by tapers of the myrtle wax, was a little image of the Virgin.

In this chamber, the chief adoratory of the temple, where now flashed the weat where?" pons of the iconoclasts, stood once the altar of an idol, whose fiendish lips had where he has rested, as thou knowest, been often dyed with the blood of human for a night and a day. sacrifices. There were rude chairs about the table; and Amador, at the invitation of the General, did not hesitate to seat whither my elemency has suffered him to himself and cast an eye of observation come. on his companions, while Narvaez, with the assistance of the secretary, proceeded to decipher the advices of the Admiral. drawn him," said the magician. "And whence I will drive him."

Before he had resolved in what manner wounds!" to commence the investigation, and bedor observed that as Narvaez gave it, his foeman when he is nearer or further!" face flushed over with some sudden exitement.

The speculations of the neophyte were soon rerminated. Before the curtain had cavatier, whose curious looks had attracted his own attention, rose and addressed the General.

"I doubt whether this knavish impostor be worthy your attention. He is accounted both a liar and traitor, and he can tell us nothing that will not be spoken to de-

"The senor Don Andres de Duero cannot be better persuaded of the man's General can refuse to listen to any intelligence of his enemy, though it be brought by a traitor. The noble Don Amador de Leste will pardon me, if I Union side, there is a class of citizens deserter, I know not which, on matters to death during the reign of terror down which it concerns me as a commander to here because of their fidelity to the Govto make him acquainted with a man who some honor is paid to the memory of these pretends to read the mysteries of the dead citizen-patriots, who carried their gives him knowledge of men's destinies them up rather than take up arms against

peal, the senor Duero spoke again. of Cortez which we have not received at tion-erased by time-gone from viewbetter hands; and as for his magical art, mingled in peace.

shrubs and flowers, and where it hap- lost to all but that which had first as- moreover, that if there be any knowledge pened that the inmates were within, with | tounded him; and it was not till the voice | to be gained of the devil, without jeopardy "Senor," continued Narvaez, addressing | Constructor Bitchborn's Bureau Gives Facts nated everything around, and disclosed and observed an officer of the household himself again to Amador, "I may as well the figures of the habitants moving about of the General standing before him, and tell you, that the magician Botello, whom doing him such reverence as was evi- you will presently behold, is a favorite soldier and chief enchanter to that infidel rebel, Cortez, (whom God confound, with

all his mutinous friends and upholders, high and low, strong and feeble, Amen! I say, senor, his chief magician," continued the General, speaking so rapidly and impetuously, as utterly to prevent Don Amador from making the amendment he meditated to the curse, and insisting that Narvaez should revoke it, as far at least as it concerned his kinsman, the knight-"his chief magician, by whose aid, it is supposed, the runagate desperado has been enabled to imprison the Indian emperor. And, knave or not, Don Amador, it cannot be denied, that when struck down, after surrendering himself, this morning, by the currish soldier, Caboban, he cursed the smiter with a short life and a long death; which curse was fulfilled upon him on the instant; for striking Botello with his spear again, his horse plunged, threw him violently, and, therefore just what we need for patrol falling, he was instantly spitted on the spear of a footman. He has been dying ever since; and sometime, doubtless, his agony will be over; but he is as good as a dead man now.

Amador surveyed the prisoner as he entered. He was, in figure and age, very much such a man as Baltasar, but in other respects very dissimilar. His face was wan, and even cadav fellows in rank, Don Amador presented erous; but this might have been the effect of the blows he had received from the dying soldier, as was made probable by the presence of several spots of blood encrusted over his visage. His cheeks were broad, and the bones prominent; his eyes were hollow, and expressive of a wild solemnity, mingled with cunning; his beard long and bushy, and only slightly grizzled, and a rugged mus- treated wood has been frequently strong, tache hung over his lips so as almost to

His apparel was of black cloth none of he freshest, the principal garment of which was a long loose doublet, under which was buckled an iron breastplatehis only armor; for, instead of a morion he wore a cloth hat of capacious brim. stuck round with the feathers of divers birds, as well as several medals of the saints, rudely executed in silver.

Besides these fantastic decorations, he had suspended to his neck several instruments of the Cabala-a pentacle of silver, and charms and talismans written over with mystical characters, as well as a little leathern pouch filled with various dried herbs and roots. This mystagogue, an agent of no little importance among approached him without betraying any wood, three unprotected cruisers, nine JOSEPH H. HUNTER, Attorney,

"Tetragrammaton Adonai!" muttered ish of his art, with a voice of sepulchral shall tumble from the high places!"

"All this thou mayst do, and all this thou mayst foresee," said the General; "but nevertheless thy wisdom will by thou wert found prowling this morning so

the world thou shalt lay thy bones!" said the magician solemnly. "The moon, in With such superly expressions of eti- the house of Alchil, showed me many quet, the common compliments of an the house of Attack smoke came things, but not all; a thick smoke came over the crystal, and I saw not what I temple. A curtain of a certain strong and skull on my bosom, but it breathed nothwanted; I slept under the cross, with a ing but clouds. Wherefore I knew, it entering with the General and two or should be only when the wolf spoke to the vulture, and the vulture to the red star, that Camael the angel should unlock the lips of destiny, and lead me whither ! longed to follow.

"I am ever bound to thee," said the General, with a manner in which an attempt at mockery was mingled with a natural touch of superstition, "for the to confine thy rhapsodies within the limits of answers to such interrogatories as I shall propose thee.-Where lies thy master, the outcast and arch-rebel, my enemy?"

"My master is in heaven!" said Botello with a devout and lofty earnestness, "and Michael; and he is the enemy!" "Sirrah! I speak to thee of the knave Cortez," cried the General, angrily. "When wert thou last at his side? and

"At midnight-on the river of Canoes. "Ay!" said the Biscayan fiercely; "within a league of my headquarters,

"Whither God and his good star have "And whence I will drive him to the rocks of the mountains, or the mangroves of the beach, ere thou art cured of thy

"Lo! my wounds are healed!" said Bofore the General had well looked into the tello; "the hand that inflicted them is advices of the Admiral, they were both stiff and cold, and Hernan Cortez yet lies interrupted in their purpose by the abrupt by the river! Ay, the holy unguent, intrusion of an officer, who, approaching blessed of the fat of a pagan's heart, hath Narvaez, said something to him in a low dried the blood and glued the skin; and voice, of which aft that Amador could yet my Captain, whose fate I have seen distinguish were the words, twice or thrice and spoken, even from the glory of neon repeated, of nigromante and astrologo to the long and sorrowful shadows of the The officer received a direction equally evening, marshals his band within the obscure with his information; and Ama- sound of thy matin bell; and wo be to his backbone of the Indian army, for the fol-(To be continued.)

EDITORIAL NOTE .- The imprisonment and homesick, and dislike to be stationed at yet closed upon the retreating officer, the dr amatic escape of Don Amador, his meeting any great distance from their native land with the noted Cortez, who rescues him from Raiputs in any number. But the Sikh is drowning, and various other adventures are always ready to enlist and to undertake "Senor General and Governor," he cried, told in the immediately succeeding install- duty across the "Black Water," even ments. Each chapter adds strange incidents should that duty be to fight an epidemic in Hongkong or to chase Arab slave-dealto this wonderful romance of ancient Mexico, ers in Central Africa, if only he be well

A Plca for the Neglected.

Editor National Tribune: While the character than myself,' said the General; South is building memorial halls and and he will not assure me that a good monuments to perpetuate the glories of make so free with him, as in his presence of whom mention is seldom made. I reto introduce and examine a prisoner, or fer to the men of the South who were put know. And, moreover," continued the ernment of the United States. Amid all Biscayan, with a laugh, "I know not what this demonstration of worship towards better diversion I can give my guest, than departed valor I think it is high time that stars by night, and to have a devil who lives in their hands, and finally yielded their country, and who have been so long Before Amador could reply to this ap-neglected, so long forgotten. In many instances their graves have disappeared "Surely he can bring us no information from sight, leaving no traces of recogni-

It is for the living loyal to espouse the the service of God."

A thousand other such exhibitions, ing of Our Holy and Immaculate Lady, I defy the devil and all his imps, whether their country in the limit and that is, that, with the bless- to protect the humble aborigines from the similar in novelty but different in charders and the belief out. Let all who perished for acter, were displayed at the same mother was audible a concert of sounds. Each stood by itself in an inclosure of the neophyte were their country in the martyrdom to its cause. Let none defy the devil and all his imps, whether their country in the limit again into the air.

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and Figures Regarding It,

A report of the Bureau of Construction and Repair of the Navy Department, just ssued, is full of facts and figures that are entertaining to one interested in Uncle Sam's Navy and its operations during the wat with Spain.

One table gives the list of the vessels captured from the Spanish and now added to the Navy of the United States. It ncludes the steel gunboats Alvarado, Sandoval, and Calleo, the torpedo boat Barcelo, the iron gunboat Leyte, the wooden gunboat Mindanao, and the iron transport Manila. The Alvarado and Sandoval were captured in Cuban waters, and are attached to the North Atlantic fleet. The others were captured at Manila, and are with Dewey's fleet. The Alvarado is a gunboat, lanched at Clydebank, England, in 1895, and has a speed of 19 knots. She carries one 2-inch gun forward and a smaller gun aft. She was built for service in the tropics, and is Rico. The Sandoval is a sister ship to the Alvarado.

combustible material in ships-of-war, Commodore Hichborn says: "The Naval engagements of the last few months have demonstrated so completely the necessity of avoiding the use of combustible material in the construction of vessels of war that the Bureau feels that the course advocated by it to do away entirely with woodwork wherever possible, and to make such woodwork as might be absolutely necessary non-inflammable, has been justified by events. Some dissatisfaction has at times been manifested on account of the discomfort necessitated in the living-quarters by reducing woodwork to a minimum, and the objection to the use of and, at times, almost unreasonable. The Bureau believes, however, that events have demonstrated that the advantages gained more than compensate for the cost in money and the inconveniences resulting from the use of fireproofed wood. The vessels of the Navy which now have their woodwork wholiy or in part treated to be non-inflammable are the Iowa, Brooklyn, Alabama, Illinois, Kearsarge, Kentucky. Wisconsin, Miantonomoh, Chicago, Wilmington, Heiena, Nashville, and Annapolis.

There are borne on the list of the regular Navy now 12 first-class battleships, one second-class battleship, two armored cruisers, one armored ram, six double-turreted monitors, four steel single-turreted monitors, 13 iron singla-turreted monitors, 13 protected cruisers, two protected cruisers sheathed with "Sirrah sorcerer," said he, "since the sels, six sailing ships, 14 tugs, and 11

> Riches of the Sondan, Fortnightly Review.

How soon can the Soudan be made to meat its own share of expense and relieve at first, a costly acquisition. A numer-Satan in men's hearts, I forswear and although the Egyptian army estimates may be relieved by a certain reduction of the native Egyptian troops, the military start if desired. Write for particulars. The Globe establishment in the Soudan will still constitute a severe tax, to which the province can contribute little. Even in more flourishing days, before it was WATCH AND CHAIN FOR ONE DAY'S WORK dervish rule, the Soudan was not particularly productive; its export trade did not exceed 11,000,000, and its chief product was gum arabic. There is some accumulation of this, it

is said, awaiting more peaceful times to no doubt revive and develop. Agricultural enterprise will probably extend, especially in the lands longest recovered; the fertile province of Dongola; for example, which, according to all accounts has made rapid progress under the active steps taken to recologize. Nine-tenths of the old population has returned, many from the lower province, and grants of land have been freely given to all.

The same good results may be seen up the river, at Abu Hamed and Berber, and WANTED The addresses of all Federal solall trade will be stimulated by the facili-ties offered by several routes—the new SOLDIERS' filing on less than 160 acres all trade will be stimulated by the facili railway back to Wady Halfa, and the now reopened desert road to Suakin. As for the heart of the Soudan, Khar

toum, and beyond, it is not yet in the known quantity, its resources hardly ex-

> The Safe Side. Tid-Bits.

Signor Scarem, the noted wild animal amer, had put his trained tigers through their tricks. He had driven them round and round their cage, and they had crouched in a corner at the word of command, though he was but a weak human being, and they were mighty wild beasts. and could have torn him limb from limb had they realized their power.

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ourage, and one man said: "Don't you regard that as very danger-

ous? "Not at all," replied the trainer. "Ti gers are not dangerous so long as you keep on the right side of them."

"Which is the right side?" asked the questioner, quizzingly "The outside," replied the trainer, as he strode away to the dressing-room.

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"AMADOR FOUND HIMSELF GAZING ON A SCENE OF WILD AND NOVEL CHARACTER."

barbarians have the art to beautify their wilt keep him at thy side, or entrust him whirling about in a circle, and each, as mples."
to my guardianship; being assured, that he whirled, dancing on the head or shoulif the latter be thy desire, I will bid thee ders of his supporter, and tossing abroad Before Ama fiend?" said the neophyte, raising him- call him, and straightway take him into his penacho, or long plume of feathers, as self, and surveying the structures with a my keeping." frown of infinite hostility. "It drives me "It cannot be!" said Abdalla, vehe- This spectacle entirely distracted his to little esteem, to know that the Senor mently-"I cannot trust him from my attention from others scarcely less worthy Narvaez and his companions should rest sight; it cannot be! God is just; and of observation—as was indeed that, where in sight of these accursed places, without justice may come with misery!"

I think your excellency holds that in too two men see-sawed on a pole, in the air.

hurling them to the dust.

rebel, tore the idols from their altars, and of wickered cane, which seemed to him lay on his back, and ever and anon, as putting an image of Our Blessed Lady in more to resemble gigantic baskets than the flying phantoms descended, spurned their place, consecrated them forthwith to the habitations of men; but which, even them again into the air.

if diverting himself on the solid earth.

two men see-sawed on a pole, in the air, much doubt and contempt to set much cause of this noble band of martyrs, who and, as might be said, without support, store by its crazy revelations." "They are no longer the houses of devils," said Lorenzo; "Cortez, the great either side a great multitude of low houses dered by the feet of a sinewy pagan, who contempt for his art," said the General, places in every Southern State. They